

**The Pirongia Craft Group's Annual Craft Day** is to be held on Saturday 8 October between 9.00am to 3.00pm on Franklin Street, Pirongia.

**Te Kuiti BMX Club** season open, every Tuesday night, fun for the whole family. Check in time 5.45-6.00 pm racing starts at 6.15 pm. Riders must wear long pants and shirt with gloves and full faced helmet (Motor cross helmet is ok). First 3 nights are free for beginners!!! Bring your own bike as there is limited Hire Bikes and Gear available at \$2.00 per bike or helmet/gloves. For more information contact, Brenda Grainger 07 878 7685 or Kylie Lupton 07 873 6911.

**MANIAPOTO SECONDARY KAPA HAKA FESTIVAL**  
**OCT 8TH POWHIRI: 9AM**

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**GOLD COIN: DONATION**

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**NAU MAI HAERE - WELCOME**



**Te Kuiti Pink Ribbon Fun Run/Walk**  
Raising funds for the NZ Breast Cancer Foundation

**Sunday, October 9 9:30am**  
**Te Kuiti Domain**  
**5km & 10km courses**

ENTRY: Gold Coin Donation  
**FUN FOR ALL THE FAMILY! DRESS IN PINK!**

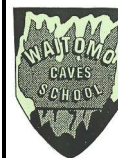
For information contact Maree Tregoweth, 07 878 5248 or Glenys Neal, 07 878 7795

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"Your support is greatly appreciated"

## What's Coming Up At Waitomo Caves School

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|--------------------|------------------------------|
| 4 October          | Kowhai class excursion       |
| 6 October          | Pet Day Prep – half day      |
| 7 October          | Pet Day, Cake Auction, Hangi |
| 7 October          | Last day of Term 3           |
| Tuesday 25 October | Term 4 begins                |
| 27 October         | Targa Motorsports Rally      |
| 31 October         | Kick-Start classes resume    |

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# Newsletter

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Whaia te ara totika – Make the Right Choice

Term Three 2011

Week Nine – 30 September

Dear Parents and Friends of the School

Tena Koutou Katoa

Welcome to Peta and Alex Pitts-Brown. It's great to have you return to our school and welcome again to Mark and Tanchia Pitts-Brown. Currently the school roll is 41 pupils.

## Pets Day Friday 7 October

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| 9:00 am        | Rooms open for pupils to enter baking exhibits<br>Students final grooming and preparation of pets<br>Baking judged<br>BBQ morning tea |
| 10:30 am       | Pet judging begins followed by prizegiving  |
| 12:00 pm       | Hangi lunch and rooms open for inspection   |
| 1:00 pm        | Cakes up for auction  |
| 1:30 - 2:00 pm | Pupils, pets and displays may depart  |

In a morning session on Thursday 6 October students will be making their flower arrangements at school. All flowers, materials and containers will need to be brought along to school on the Thursday morning ready to be used to create the entries.



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All entries in the baking section will be made at home on the afternoon of Thursday 6 October and brought to school the following day. Children will also need to groom and prepare their pets during this time. The children's choice of exhibits has been set separately for each level. The divisions for competition will be Year 1-2, Year 3-4, Year 5-6 and Year 7-8. Preschoolers are welcome to enter art work, baking or flower arrangements.

Viewers Choice - This year the art work will be in the form of an exhibition for which people are welcome to make a viewers choice by placing their vote in the box provided.

Look out for the order forms next to the Calendar Art. Calendars may be purchased for \$12 each.

### SPECIAL INVITATION

Please pass on and invite anyone who might like to join us for the day. There will be children's work on display in the rooms. Bring a friend, it's a great day. Pre-schoolers and their pets are also most welcome. We do not encourage children to bring dogs as they often cause problems. Attached to this programme are the entry forms for each child.  
Please Note: It is desirable to bring a pet but not compulsory.

### Hangi

The pets day hangi will be prepared the afternoon of Thursday 6 October at Tokikapu Marae. If you have a spare moment between supervising baking, children and pets please come along. Pre-orders close on Monday and payment must be received. Contact Myke on 0211783764 for more details.

### Calendar Art

Children will have 2012 calendars exhibited on pets day that will be for sale at \$12 each. Please place you orders with the calendar as you see it displayed next Friday.

### Carols in the Cave

Titiwai Children's Choir rehearsals begin on Wednesday 5 October, 3:30 – 4:30pm in the Museum Education Room. Afternoon tea for the children will be provided. Children need to be six years of age or older. Next term rehearsal days will change due to miniball games. Carols in the Cave is to be held on Friday 9, Saturday 10 and Sunday 11 December. Enquiries to Glenys George 07 873 8685 or Martha Ash 07 878 8384.

### Go Wales!



Between 'hairy men', 'just friends' and 'no onions' we had a pretty good day! What a treat to see such top athletes in Waitomo. Thank you to the awesome crew who run the food stall with ease even though it was a very short notice opportunity not to be missed. Great team work!

### Lunch Orders

The new lunch ordering system is working well. Accompanying this newsletter is an order form for home. Please ensure you fill these out with your child prior to 9.00am of the day they order lunch so they don't miss out. Placing the correct money in a sealed envelope would be helpful and there are bags available at school for this.

### Kick-Start to School Classes

Following Term 3 the kick-start to school classes resume in Term 4 on Monday 31 October. If your preschooler turns five years old between March and June in 2012 and intends coming to Waitomo Caves School please contact the school to arrange starting kick-start classes. To help establish routines and a good transition to school we like to invite preschoolers along from the time they are 4½ years old.

### Parent Meeting

Thank you to those who were able to attend the recent parent meeting. Follow up from the meeting includes updates of our immunisation register, review of the four year curriculum plan, database resource input, community consultation in the form of a survey, fundraising updates and pet day procedures. It would be extremely helpful if you could add to the list and return to school a 'knowledge' database of local resources. Please see the pink form with this newsletter.

## Community News

**Tennis Coaching** with Quentin Wallace from Waipa Tennis Academy for ages 5 - 18yrs. Starts, Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> October for 7 weeks, 3pm to 5:30pm. Venue: Otorohanga Tennis Club on Rangipare St, OTOROHANGA, Contact: Jo Butcher on 07 8736077 or 027 5008800 to enrol.

## My Dad

When this fun character comes in we know he's here. He has black hair with light blue eyes as blue as the sea. His skin is tanned with a pinch of red. He wears some hunting and ragged old clothes when hunting and working. But on good occasions he wears good clothes. He's got a really good sense of humour. He is kind to one and others. He has happy feelings towards his family and his big pigs. He speaks like a normal kiwi Dad should. He talks fast and slow. He listens to everyone that needs to speak. But not when he's working hard. Dad's brain is hard to read because his mind is always changing. Dad is fun, exciting, a blast to hang around. He enjoys his family and it is fun to have him around us a lot my dad is a cool dude.

By Logan Townsend

## Aunty Cole

When this face arrives at our door step she always has this cheeky smile with that hair that is dark as the night sky. When she smiles her eyes twinkle. She has a funny sense of humour with two loving sons. She never speaks to fast. She will never be forgotten, always in our hearts Aunty Cole.

By Angel Taane-Edwards

## Children's Work

Students in the senior class have been writing character descriptions using vivid vocabulary. We hope you enjoy reading the examples of character descriptions below:

## Dad's Best Mate

When this friendly face appears on our doorstep there is no doubt that this funky hairdo, weather worn face and wide spread grin belongs to none other than the awesome golf player, keen table tennis performer, Uncle Gary.

Otoko is where this cheeky character spends most of his time loving his whanau, putting, driving and chipping his lucky yellow golf ball all the way through an eighteen hole course.

In dad's spare time we like to go and relax in this small village, Otoko on the edge of Wanganui spending our time on extreme adventures like, eeling, trout fishing, koura catching, deer stalking, peacock shooting and my favourite voyage pig hunting.

I admire Uncles eagerness for almost any task even though he was raised with many siblings and not the least amount of money, and yet he is growing old still with a smile on his face. To my surprise he still has the cunningness of a fox, the speed of a cheetah, the agility of a gazelle and most interesting the memory of an adult elephant.

Dad always tells me of Uncle Gary's generosity. He would tell me of the time he admired Uncle Gary's new spot light and without question offered it to Dad to borrow and to bring back at any point in time.

If I was the appropriate age and had a glass of champagne I would toast to Uncle Gary's loving nature and funny character.

By Alex Bell

# Kerry-Anne

Kerry-Anne is my best friend, sister, family member and I love her to bits because Kerry-Anne is the most loveable person I know. Her face is lightly tanned with cropped blonde hair to shape it. She is a reasonable height and slender.

Kerry-Anne runs like a gliding gazelle.

When she smiles, she lights up the world.

I think Kerry-Anne would be the most wonderful person to do a character description on because under all that beauty and light there's a private little girl.

Kerry-Anne is a farm girl, who like myself, goes nowhere without her gumboots. My fun-loving, cattle-shifting, creative, sea-biscuiting, fishing, sugar sweet sister is supercalifragilisticexpialidocious COOL!!

By Leah Bell

## My Brother

There is a keen pig hunter in this world and his name is Seth. He's got dark brown eyes with creamy pale skin like the clouds and loves soccer. He likes overhearing other people's discussions only if it's about soccer or pig hunting. He uses a very annoying tone sometimes but other than that he talks at a normal speed. He helps people that need help, he is a brother to me and no one can change that.

By Blaze Cameron

# A Kid Called Reuben

My small 4 year old cousin Reuben has medium dark short brown hair as rich as freshly layered soil in a flourishing outdoor garden. He has brown eyes that twinkle when he is happy, he also largely resembles his father. He is a cool little guy and I love him to bits. He plays the role as a brother to his sister Sian a cousin to me and 3 others and a son to his parents Julian and Tamae Dimond. Funny, adventurous, silly, charismatic all of these words describe Reuben's personality.

He enjoys a large range of sports and outdoor activities, such as soccer which he currently plays. But soon wants to play the greatest sport in the world rugby.

All of this describes Reuben, he is a great little guy who has a good life.

By Jacob Dimond

## My Character Description

She has dark brown hair, dark chocolate eyes and a great sense of humour. She has light brown skin and likes netball, boxing and lots of other things. She never forgets anything, she's a great aunty, mum, friend, daughter and lots more all at the same time. She is kind. She talks at a slow pace so we can understand her and she knows her way around a garden. She took Arleyah and I away to the docking paddock and showed us what to do, I really enjoyed it especially when Arleyah, Ashlee, Jakob and I shifted the ewes. She takes us blackberry picking as well. I think that Aunty Colleen is beautiful, nice and open minded. She is very amazing and adventurous and I am very lucky to know her.

By Tiana Henry